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Human ApoC-III ELISA Kit

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Assay Summary

Step 1. Add 50 µl of Standard or Sample per well.
Incubate 2 hours.

Step 2. Wash, then add 50 µl of Biotinylated Antibody per well.
Incubate 1 hour.

Step 3. Wash, then add 50 µl of SP Conjugate per well.
Incubate 30 minutes.

Step 4. Wash, then add 50 µl of Chromogen Substrate per well.
Incubate 12 minutes.

Step 5. Add 50 µl of Stop Solution per well.
Read at 450 nm immediately.

Symbol Key

Consult instructions for use.

Assay Template

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Human Apolipoprotein C-III ELISA Kit

Catalog No. EA8133-1

Sample insert for reference use only

Introduction

Apolipoprotein C-III (ApoC-III) is a surface component of chylomicrons, very low density lipoproteins, and high density lipoproteins. It consists of 79 amino acids with a molecular mass of 8.8 kDa (1). ApoC-III is synthesized mainly in the liver and to a lesser degree in the intestine. It plays a key role in triglyceride-rich lipoprotein metabolism. It is an inhibitor of lipoprotein lipase and hepatic lipase and interferes with binding of lipoproteins to cell surface heparan sulfate proteoglycans and receptors (2, 3).

Principle of the Assay

The AssayMax Human Apolipoprotein C-III ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) kit is designed for detection of human ApoC-III in **plasma, serum, urine, milk, CSF, and cell culture samples**. This assay employs a quantitative **sandwich enzyme immunoassay** technique that measures human ApoC-III in less than 4 hours. A polyclonal antibody specific for human ApoC-III has been pre-coated onto a 96-well microplate with removable strips. ApoC-III in standards and samples is sandwiched by the immobilized antibody and biotinylated polyclonal antibody specific for ApoC-III, which is recognized by a streptavidin-peroxidase conjugate. All unbound material is then washed away and a peroxidase enzyme substrate is added. The color development is stopped and the intensity of the color is measured.

Caution and Warning

- This product is for **Research Use Only** and is Not For Use In Diagnostic Procedures.
- Prepare all reagents (working diluent buffer, wash buffer, standard, biotinylated antibody, and SP conjugate) as instructed, prior to running the assay.
- Prepare all samples prior to running the assay. The dilution factors for the samples are suggested in this insert. However, the user should determine the optimal dilution factor.
- Spin down the SP conjugate vial and the biotinylated antibody vial before opening and using contents.
- The Stop Solution is an acidic solution.
- The kit should not be used beyond the expiration date.

Reagents

- **Human ApoC-III Microplate:** A 96-well polystyrene microplate (12 strips of 8 wells) coated with a polyclonal antibody against human ApoC-III.
- **Sealing Tapes:** Each kit contains 3 precut, pressure sensitive sealing tapes that can be cut to fit the format of the individual assay.
- **Human ApoC-III Standard:** Human ApoC-III in a buffered protein base (1.75 μg, lyophilized).
- **Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody (80x):** A 80-fold concentrated biotinylated polyclonal antibody against ApoC-III (100 μl).
- **EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x)**: A 10-fold concentrated buffered protein base (30 ml).
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x)**: A 20-fold concentrated buffered surfactant (30 ml, 2 bottles).
- **Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate (SP Conjugate):** A 100-fold concentrate (80 μl).
- **Chromogen Substrate**: A ready-to-use stabilized peroxidase chromogen substrate tetramethylbenzidine (8 ml).
- **Stop Solution**: A 0.5 N hydrochloric acid to stop the chromogen substrate reaction (12 ml).

Storage Condition

- Upon arrival, immediately store components of the kit at recommended temperatures up to the expiration date.
- Store SP Conjugate and Biotinylated Antibody at -20°C.
- Store Microplate, Diluent Concentrate (10x), Wash Buffer, Stop Solution, and Chromogen Substrate at 2-8°C.
- Unused microplate wells may be returned to the foil pouch with the desiccant packs and resealed. May be stored for up to 30 days in a vacuum desiccator.
- Diluent (1x) may be stored for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
- Store Standard at 2-8°C before reconstituting with Diluent and at -20°C after reconstituting with Diluent.

Other Supplies Required

- Microplate reader capable of measuring absorbance at 450 nm.
- Pipettes (1-20 μl, 20-200 μl, 200-1000 μl, and multiple channel).
- Deionized or distilled reagent grade water.

Sample Collection, Preparation and Storage

- **Plasma:** Collect plasma using one-tenth volume of 0.1 M sodium citrate as an anticoagulant. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:4000 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles (EDTA can also be used as an anticoagulant).
- **Serum:** Samples should be collected into a serum separator tube. After clot formation, centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes, and remove serum. Dilute samples 1:4000 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Culture Media:** Centrifuge cell culture media at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes to remove debris. Collect supernatants and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Cell Lysate:** Rinse cell with cold PBS and then scrape the cell into a tube with 5 ml cold PBS with 0.5 M EDTA. Centrifuge suspension at 1500 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C and aspirate supernatant. Re-suspend pellet in ice-cold Lysis Buffer (10 mM Tris, pH8.0, 130 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, protease inhibitor cocktail). For every 1 x 10^6 cells, add approximately 100 µL of ice-cold Lysis Buffer. Incubate on ice for 60 minutes, centrifuge at 13000 rpm for 30 minutes at 4°C, and collect supernatant for assay.
- **Urine:** Collect urine using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **Milk:** Collect milk using sample tube. Centrifuge samples at 800 x *g* for 10 minutes and assay. Store samples at -20°C or below for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
- **CSF:** Collect cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) using sample pot. Centrifuge samples at 3000 x *g* for 10 minutes. Dilute samples 1:2 into EIA Diluent and assay. The undiluted samples can be stored at -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Refer to Sample Dilution Guidelines below for further instruction.

Guidelines for Dilutions of 1:100 or Greater (*for reference only; please follow the insert for specific dilution suggested)*	
1:100	**1:10000**
A) 4 ul sample: 396 µl buffer(100x) = 100 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) = 10000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 400 µl.*
1:1000	**1:100000**
A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 24 µl of A : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 1000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*	A) 4 µl sample : 396 µl buffer (100x) B) 4 µl of A : 396 µl buffer (100x) C) 24 µl of B : 216 µl buffer (10x) = 100000 fold dilution *Assuming the needed volume is less than or equal to 240 µl.*

Reagent Preparation

- Freshly dilute all reagents and bring all reagents to room temperature before use.
- **EIA Diluent Concentrate (10x):** If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the EIA Diluent Concentrate 1:10 with reagent grade water. Store for up to 30 days at 2-8°C.
- **Standard Curve:** Reconstitute the 1.75 µg of Human ApoC-III Standard with 3.5 ml of EIA Diluent to generate a 0.5 µg/ml standard stock solution. Allow the standard to sit for 10 minutes with gentle agitation prior to making dilutions. Prepare duplicate or triplicate standard points by serially diluting the standard stock solution (0.5 µg/ml) 1:4 with EIA Diluent to produce 0.125, 0.0313, 0.0078, 0.0019, and 0.0005 µg/ml solutions. EIA Diluent serves as the zero standard (0 µg/ml). Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C and used within 30 days.

Standard Point	Dilution	[ApoC-III] (µg/ml)
P1	1 part Standard (0.5 µg/ml)	0.5000
P2	1 part P1 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.1250
P3	1 part P2 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.0313
P4	1 part P3 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.0078
P5	1 part P4 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.0019
P6	1 part P5 + 3 parts EIA Diluent	0.0005
P7	EIA Diluent	0.0000

- **Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody (80x):** Spin down the antibody briefly and dilute the desired amount of the antibody 1:80 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.
- **Wash Buffer Concentrate (20x):** If crystals have formed in the concentrate, mix gently until the crystals have completely dissolved. Dilute the Wash Buffer Concentrate 1:20 with reagent grade water.
- **SP Conjugate (100x):** Spin down the SP Conjugate briefly and dilute the desired amount of the conjugate 1:100 with EIA Diluent. Any remaining solution should be frozen at -20°C.

Assay Procedure

- Prepare all reagents, standard solutions, and samples as instructed. Bring all reagents to room temperature before use. The assay is performed at room temperature (20-25°C).
- Remove excess microplate strips from the plate frame and return them immediately to the foil pouch with desiccants inside. Reseal the pouch securely to minimize exposure to water vapor and store in a vacuum desiccator.
- Add 50 μl of Human ApoC-III Standard or sample per well. Cover wells with a sealing tape and incubate for 2 hours. Start the timer after the last addition.
- Wash five times with 200 μl of Wash Buffer manually. Invert the plate each time and decant the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid. If using a machine, wash six times with 300 μl of Wash Buffer and then invert the plate, decanting the contents; hit 4-5 times on absorbent material to completely remove the liquid.
- Add 50 μl of Biotinylated Human ApoC-III Antibody to each well and incubate for 1 hour.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 μl of Streptavidin-Peroxidase Conjugate to each well and incubate for 30 minutes. Turn on the microplate reader and set up the program in advance.
- Wash the microplate as described above.
- Add 50 μl of Chromogen Substrate per well and incubate for 12 minutes or till the optimal blue color density develops. Gently tap plate to ensure thorough mixing and break the bubbles in the well with pipette tip.
- Add 50 μl of Stop Solution to each well. The color will change from blue to yellow.
- Read the absorbance on a microplate reader at a wavelength of 450 nm **immediately**. If wavelength correction is available, subtract readings at 570 nm from those at 450 nm to correct optical imperfections. Otherwise, read the plate at 450 nm only. Please note that some unstable black particles may be generated at high concentration points

after stopping the reaction for about 10 minutes, which will reduce the readings.

Data Analysis

- Calculate the mean value of the duplicate or triplicate readings for each standard and sample.
- To generate a standard curve, plot the graph using the standard concentrations on the x-axis and the corresponding mean 450 nm absorbance on the y-axis. The best-fit line can be determined by regression analysis using log-log or four-parameter logistic curve-fit.
- Determine the unknown sample concentration from the Standard Curve and multiply the value by the dilution factor.

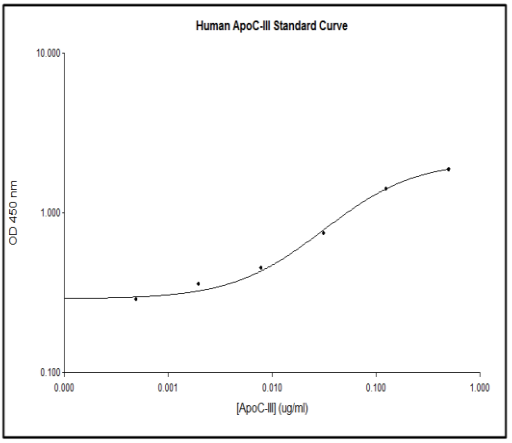
Typical Data

- The typical data is provided for reference only. Individual laboratory means may vary from the values listed. Variations between laboratories may be caused by technique differences.

Standard Point	µg/ml	OD	Average OD
P1	0.5000	2.142 2.056	2.099
P2	0.1250	1.344 1.433	1.388
P3	0.0313	0.725 0.715	0.720
P4	0.0078	0.319 0.319	0.319
P5	0.0019	0.218 0.194	0.206
P6	0.0005	0.199 0.196	0.198
P7	0.0000	0.177 0.173	0.175
Sample: Pool Normal, Sodium Citrate Plasma (4000x)		0.613 0.614	0.613

Standard Curve

- The curve is provided for illustration only. A standard curve should be generated each time the assay is performed.



Reference Value

- Normal human ApoC-III plasma levels range from 60 to 160 µg/ml.
- Human Plasma and Serum samples from healthy adults were tested (n=40). On average, ApoC-III level was 97 µg/ml.

Sample	n	Average Value (µg/ml)
Human Pool Normal Plasma	10	97
Human Normal Plasma	20	86
Human Pool Normal Serum	10	109

Performance Characteristics

- The minimum detectable dose of ApoC-III as calculated by 2SD from the mean of a zero standard was established to be 0.0004 µg/ml.
- Intra-assay precision was determined by testing replicates of three plasma samples in one assay.
- Inter-assay precision was determined by testing three plasma samples in twenty assays.

	Intra-Assay Precision			Inter-Assay Precision		
Sample	1	2	3	1	2	3
n	20	20	20	20	20	20
CV (%)	5.1%	5.0%	4.3%	9.8%	9.6%	9.7%
Average CV (%)	4.8%			9.7%		

Recovery

Standard Added Value	0.002 – 0.125 µg/ml
Recovery %	82 – 113%
Average Recovery %	103%

Linearity

- Plasma and serum samples were serially-diluted to test for linearity.

	Average Percentage of Expected Value (%)	
Sample Dilution	Plasma	Serum
1:2000	106%	94%
1:4000	99%	97%
1:8000	101%	105%

Cross-Reactivity

Species	**Cross Reactivity (%)**
Canine	None
Bovine	None
Monkey	<5%
Mouse	None
Rat	None
Swine	None
Protein	**Cross Reactivity (%)**
ApoC-II	<20%

- No significant cross-reactivity observed with ApoA-I, ApoA-II, ApoB, ApoC-I, ApoE, ApoH, and ApoM.

Troubleshooting

Issue	**Causes**	**Course of Action**
Low Precision	Use of expired components	• Check the expiration date listed before use. • Do not interchange components from different lots.
	Improper wash step	• Check that the correct wash buffer is being used. • Check that all wells are dry after aspiration. • Check that the microplate washer is dispensing properly. • If washing by pipette, check for proper pipetting technique.
	Splashing of reagents while loading wells	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner.
	Inconsistent volumes loaded into wells	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner. • Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.

	Insufficient mixing of reagent dilutions	• Thoroughly agitate lyophilized components after reconstitution. • Thoroughly mix dilutions.
	Improperly sealed microplate	• Check the microplate pouch for proper sealing. • Check that the microplate pouch has no punctures. • Check that three desiccants are inside the microplate pouch prior to sealing.
Unexpectedly Low or High Signal Intensity	Microplate was left unattended between steps	• Each step of the procedure should be performed uninterrupted.
	Omission of step	• Consult the provided procedure for complete list of steps.
	Steps performed in incorrect order	• Consult the provided procedure for the correct order.
	Insufficient amount of reagents added to wells	• Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.
	Wash step was skipped	• Consult the provided procedure for all wash steps.
	Improper wash buffer	• Check that the correct wash buffer is being used.
	Improper reagent preparation	• Consult reagent preparation section for the correct dilutions of all reagents.
	Insufficient or prolonged incubation periods	• Consult the provided procedure for correct incubation time.
Deficient Standard Curve Fit	Non-optimal sample dilution	• Sandwich ELISA: If samples generate OD values higher than the highest standard point (P1), dilute samples further and repeat the assay. • Competitive ELISA: If samples generate OD values lower than the highest standard point (P1), dilute samples further and repeat the assay. • User should determine the optimal dilution factor for samples.
	Contamination of reagents	• A new tip must be used for each addition of different samples or reagents during the assay procedure.
	Contents of wells evaporate	• Verify that the sealing film is firmly in place before placing the assay in the incubator or at room temperature.
	Improper pipetting	• Pipette properly in a controlled and careful manner. • Check pipette calibration. • Check pipette for proper performance.
	Insufficient mixing of reagent dilutions	• Thoroughly agitate lyophilized components after reconstitution. • Thoroughly mix dilutions.

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